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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 18: APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

1. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning elections by secret ballot and to paragraph 16 of decision 34/401 on the same subject.

(a) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS (A/51/101; A/C.5/51/11)

2. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to rules 155 and 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and said that the Assembly needed to appoint five persons for three-year terms beginning on 1 January 1997 to fill the vacancies that would arise in the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on 31 December 1996. According to the Secretary-General's note (A/C.5/51/11), six persons had been nominated by their Governments. Since the number of candidates endorsed by the Group of African States, the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, respectively, was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Committee wished to elect them by acclamation. A vote would be taken by secret ballot in the case of the Group of Western European and Other States.

3. It was so decided.

4. Mr. Amari (Tunisia), Mr. Bidny (Russian Federation) and Mrs. Goicochea Estenoz (Cuba) were elected members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

5. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to elect by secret ballot two members from the Group of Western European and Other States.

6. At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. González Posse (Argentina) and Mr. Fattah (Egypt) acted as tellers.

7. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	178
Number of invalid ballots:	4
Number of valid ballots:	174
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	173
Required majority:	87

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Biraud (France)	117
Ms. Almao (New Zealand)	116
Ms. Kimble (United States of America)	103

8. Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Ms. Almao (New Zealand) and Mr. Biraud (France) were elected members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

(b) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS (A/51/102; A/C.5/51/12)

9. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to document A/C.5/51/12, in which the Secretary-General communicated to the General Assembly the names of eight persons nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment to the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1997. Since the number of candidates from the Group of Asian States and from the Group of Eastern European States, respectively, corresponded to the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Committee wished to take its decision regarding these candidates by acclamation.

10. It was so decided.

11. The Committee decided to recommend the appointment of Mr. Akhund (Pakistan), Mr. Deneiko (Russian Federation) and Mr. Ju Kuilin (China) to the Committee on Contributions.

12. The Chairman invited the Committee to elect by secret ballot one candidate from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

13. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Nagy (Hungary) and Miss Santipitaks (Thailand) acted as tellers.

14. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	178
Number of invalid ballots:	4
Number of valid ballots:	174
Number of members voting:	174
Required majority:	88

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Gurgel de Alencar (Brazil)	116
Mr. Bivero (Venezuela)	58

15. Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Gurgel de Alencar (Brazil) was recommended for reappointment to the Committee on Contributions.

16. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to elect by secret ballot two members from the Group of Western European and Other States.

17. At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. González Posse (Argentina) and Mr. Fattah (Egypt) acted as tellers.

18. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	179
Number of valid ballots:	179
Number of members voting:	179
Required majority:	90

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Sessi (Italy)	151
Ms. Klais (Germany)	127
Mr. Teirlinck (Belgium)	77

19. Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Klais (Germany) and Mr. Sessi (Italy) were recommended for appointment and reappointment, respectively, to the Committee on Contributions.

(c) APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS (A/51/103; A/C.5/51/13)

20. The Chairman drew attention to document A/C.5/51/13, in which the Secretary-General informed the Committee that the Government of Ghana had nominated the Auditor-General of Ghana for reappointment to the United Nations Board of Auditors for a term of office beginning on 1 July 1997 and ending on 30 June 2000. Since there was only one candidate for the vacant post, he took it that the Committee wished to take its decision by acclamation.

21. It was so decided.

22. The Committee decided to recommend that the Auditor-General of Ghana should be appointed to the Board of Auditors.

(d) CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE (A/51/104; A/C.5/51/14 and Add.1)

23. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to documents A/C.5/51/14 and Add.1, in which the Secretary-General submitted for confirmation by the General Assembly the reappointment of two members and the appointment of two members of the Investments Committee for three-year terms of office beginning on 1 January 1997. He took it that the Committee wished to take its decision by acclamation.

24. It was so decided.

25. The Committee decided to recommend the reappointment of Ms. Bovich (United States of America) and Mr. Ohta (Japan) and the appointment of Mr. Stormonth Darling (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Mr. Chico Pardo (Mexico) to the Investments Committee.

(e) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (A/51/105; A/C.5/51/16)

26. The Chairman drew attention to document A/C.5/51/16, in which the Secretary-General communicated to the General Assembly the names of two persons nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997. Since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to take its decision by acclamation.

27. It was so decided.

28. The Committee decided to recommend the appointment of Mr. Barboza (Argentina) and the reappointment of Mr. Gabay (Israel) to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.

(f) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (A/51/106; A/C.5/51/17)

29. The Chairman drew attention to document A/C.5/51/17, in which the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly of the names of five persons nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment to the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1997. Since the number of candidates corresponded to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to take its decision by acclamation.

30. It was so decided.

31. The Committee decided to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Chepourin (Russian Federation), Mr. Kabir (Bangladesh) and Mr. Rusita (Uganda) and the appointment of Ms. de Leon (Philippines) and Mr. Zahid (Morocco) to the International Civil Service Commission.

The meeting rose at 12.25 p.m.